IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Jeppesen et al.

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For: Heterocyclic Compounds and their Preparation and Use

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisonal) dated November 30, 2001, and the Notice to File Missing Parts dated September 18, 2001 be extended for a period of one (1) month from November 18, 2001 to December 18, 2001. Applicants hereby petition for such extension of time.

In the event that an additional extension of time is required, Applicants hereby petition for such extension of time. The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge the required fee, if applicable, to Deposit Account No. 14-1447.

Please charge the required fee, estimated to be \$110, to Novo Nordisk of North America, Inc., Deposit Account No. 14-1447. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Date: December 13, 2001

Respectfully submitted.

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